

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Stendal

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 26 January to 9 February 1953

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 4 March 1953

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REMARKS _____

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1. Prior to 9 February 1953, the Tauentzien Kaserne, as previously, was heavily occupied. Unusually intensive activities were observed. Columns of 40 to 100 soldiers, mostly wearing blue-bordered black epaulets, were seen entering and leaving the installation. [REDACTED] 25X1

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2. Prior to 9 February, intensive training activities were observed in the Hindenburg Kaserne. Columns of 100 to 300 soldiers, who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, were seen leaving and entering the installation and receiving field training. A colonel who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets was observed at an inspection. On 4 February, three sedans, [REDACTED] 25X1
 [REDACTED] and occupied by high-ranking officers, including a general, were seen en route, probably to the Hindenburg Kaserne. [REDACTED] 25X1

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25X1 were seen en route to the installation prime movers towing guns, probably 100-mm AT guns, were repeatedly seen in the town. [REDACTED] 25X1
 [REDACTED] Source repeatedly heard reports of guns from various directions.

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3. At 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. on 26 January, two troop trains left the Stendal railroad station toward Gardelegen or Wittenberge. On 3 February, a troop train of 15 boxcars occupied by personnel was seen at the Stendal railroad station. At 6:40 a.m. on 4 February, a troop train carrying prime movers, guns and troops was seen en route toward Gardelegen, coming from the direction of Berlin.¹

25X1¹. [REDACTED] Comment. The information in this report tends to indicate that, in early February 1953, exercises were held in the Stendal area in which, in addition to units stationed in Stendal, units from other posts also participated. Short-term exercises of units stationed in Stendal, probably in the northern portion of Letzing Heath, were observed as early as late January 1953. [REDACTED] 25X1

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[REDACTED]. Reports on transportation indicated that, on 4 February, AT units of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (GS) moved from Brandenburg to Osterburg. It was therefore assumed that exercises were held in the Stendal area in early February.

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[REDACTED] No change in the occupation of the barracks installations

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mentioned appears to have occurred.

the 100-mm AT guns observed in the town probably belong to the unidentified AT unit in Stendal-Borstel.

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